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To: Support Brokers for 1915(c) Waivers

From: Pam Smith, Director
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RE: Participant-Directed Services (PDS) and Out of State Travel

The Department for Medicaid Services (DMS) is rescinding guidance issued recently about 1915(c) waiver participants receiving services while traveling out of state.

The guidance incorrectly stated that PDS employees could not provide services to a waiver participant outside of Kentucky. This is not the case. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) Technical Guidance for 1915(c) Home and Community-Based Waivers states "services such as personal assistance may be furnished to waiver participants who travel to another state to visit family members or for other purposes."

This means waiver participants can receive services outside of Kentucky when they are leaving the state to visit family, to attend an event, such as a Cincinnati Reds baseball game, or to take part in an activity, such as a trip to the zoo.

Please notify your PDS employees and any waiver participants who received the incorrect information. There is no need to modify plans of care or goals involving travel out of state.

We apologize for any inconvenience this incorrect guidance caused. If you have further questions, please contact the Division of Community Alternatives at (502) 564-5560.